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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In the Office Action dated February 18, 2005, claims 1-44 were held subject to a restriction requirement. According to the Examiner, the claims of the application are drawn to two distinct inventions, in which case claims 1-42 are drawn to a stator structure while claims 43-44 are drawn to a method of making a stator.

In response thereto, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute <u>claims 1-42</u> drawn to a stator structure.

Respectfully submitted,

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